

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend claims 28-29 and 35-54. The amendments are marked-up. Kindly cancel claims 30-34.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~A system~~An apparatus for playing a casino game comprising:

a betting cards display for displaying cards from a deck of playing cards as betting cards, wherein said playing cards have at least one of an integer value, a face value, a suit, a color and a parity;

at least one card identifier for identifying a choice by said player of a number n of said betting cards for each of at least one gaming bet, said number n being at least one;

a bet recorder for recording each of said at least one gaming bet from a player, wherein said gaming bet includes said choice identified by said at least one card identifier~~a choice by said player of a number n of said betting cards for each of said at least one gaming bet;~~

a random card selector for drawing at random from said deck of playing cards a payout-determining card, wherein said payout determining card is any one card of said deck of playing cards;

a dealer console receiving and comparing an identification of said payout-determining card from said random card selector and an identification of said n betting cards for said player and for determining an outcome of said comparison to be one of a match and not a match for each of said at least one gaming bet;

a payout calculator for calculating a payout for said player using ~~said payout determining card for each of said at least one gaming bet, said payout amounting to  $48/n$  when said payout determining card matches one of said betting cards~~chosen outcome is a match, and said payout amounting to zero when ~~said payout determining card does not match any of said betting cards~~chosen said outcome is not a match.

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29. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, wherein said bet recorder only records said gaming bet is only recorded by said bet recorder when  $48/n$  is an integer, and wherein said payout calculator calculates said payout being calculated as an integer amount.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Canceled)

34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising a securing bet recorder for recording a securing bet from said player, said securing bet including a choice by said player of a number  $s$  of said playing cards as bet securing cards, wherein said bet securing cards allow said player to modify a casino house income ratio.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 35, wherein said payout calculator verifies if said payout-determining card matches one of said  $s$  bet securing cards chosen by said player and when said payout-determining card matches one of said  $s$  bet securing cards chosen by said player, said payout calculator calculates a payout of zero for said player and said bet recorder returns said gaming bet identifying a number  $n$  of playing cards made by said player to said player.

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37. (Currently Amended) ~~A system~~An apparatus for playing a casino roulette game comprising:

a betting numbers display for displaying numbers from a set of roulette numbers, having at least roulette numbers 1 to 36 and 0, as betting numbers;

at least one betting number identifier for identifying a choice by said player of a series n of said betting numbers for each of at least one gaming bet, said series n being at least one;

a betting numbers recorder for recording each of said at least one gaming bet from a player, wherein said gaming bet includes said choice identified by said at least one number identifier~~wherein said player chooses a series n of said betting numbers for each of said at least one gaming bet;~~

at least one securing number identifier for identifying a choice by said player of a series s of said betting numbers as bet securing numbers for each of at least one securing bet, wherein said bet securing numbers allow said player to modify a casino house income ratio;

a bet securing numbers recorder for recording a securing bet from said player, wherein said securing bet includes said choice identified by said at least one securing number identifier~~player chooses a series s of said betting numbers as bet securing numbers, wherein said bet securing numbers allow said player to modify a casino house income ratio;~~

a random number selector for drawing, at random, from said set of roulette numbers, a payout-determining number, wherein said payout determining number is any one of said roulette numbers;

a payout calculator for calculating a payout for said player using said payout determining number for each of said at least one gaming bet, said payout amounting to  $36/n$  when said payout-determining number matches one of said n betting numbers chosen, and said payout amounting to zero when said payout-determining number does not match any of said betting numbers chosen.

38. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 37, wherein said payout calculator verifies if said payout-determining number matches one of said s bet securing numbers chosen by said player and when said payout-determining number matches one of said s bet securing numbers chosen by said player, said payout calculator calculates a payout amounting to zero for said player and said betting numbers recorder returning said gaming bet identifying a number n of betting numbers made by said player to said player.

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising an outside card identifier for identifying at least one card not chosen as betting cards from said deck of playing cards as at least one outside card.

40. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein said outside card identifier identifies at least one of said at least one outside card-is as an all bets lose card, and wherein said payout calculator calculates a payout of zero is ~~calculated for said player when said all bets lose card is drawn.~~

41. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein said outside card identifier identifies at least one of said at least one outside card-is as a free turn card, and wherein said bet recorder returns said gaming bet is returned to said player when said free turn card is drawn.

42. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 39, wherein bet recorder only records said gaming bet is only recorded when 48/n is an integer, and wherein said payout calculator calculates said payout being to be an integer amount.

43. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said outside card identifier identifies said at least one outside card is-as one card from

each of four of said suits and said number  $n = 12$  of said betting cards chooses all of said betting cards in a same suit.

44. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said outside card identifier identifies said at least one outside card is as four cards of odd parity so that said number  $n = 24$  of said betting cards identifies all of said betting cards of same parity.

45. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said outside card identifier identifies said at least one outside card is as four cards of a same face value so that said number  $n = 24$  of said betting cards identifies all of said betting cards in a same range of face values of one of two ranges of face values lower or higher than face value 7.

46. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 42, wherein said outside card identifier identifies said at least one outside card is as four cards having a face value of 7 and two jokers from a deck of fifty-four playing cards.

47. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising a game surface having areas corresponding to said cards and arranged in a geometric pattern.

48. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein a geometrical characteristic of said game surface geometric pattern identifies said number n of cards is identified by a geometrical characteristic of said game surface geometric pattern.

49. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a betting marker positioned on said betting area identifying said

geometrical characteristic on said game surface geometric pattern wherein said betting areas make up a play board.

50. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 49, wherein said number  $n$  is selected such that  $48/n$  is an integer.

51. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 49, wherein said marker is positioned to sit on a border between two or more said betting areas to identify two or more of said betting areas.

52. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising an outside identifier for identifying at least one card of said outside cards as an all outside bets lose card.

53. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 28, further comprising a payout bank for forwarding said payout to said player.

54. (Currently Amended) ~~The system~~The apparatus as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a payout bank for forwarding said payout to said player.